

would be swiftly executed or deported. Stalin's policy resulted in the one of the worst episodes of genocide in the history of the world as an estimated 7 to 10 millions Ukrainians perished in the course of just a single year.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 4,300 constituents of Ukrainian descent, I offer my solemn remembrance to the victims and people of Ukraine. In tribute to the millions who witnessed their family members perish before succumbing to their own starvation, we must always remember and honor the victims of genocide so that mankind never again turns an unseeing eye or an unfeeling heart. I join my colleagues in Congress in remembering this tragic chapter of human history.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS FORSBERG

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to First Lieutenant Thomas A. Forsberg for his faithful service of 26 years to the Michigan State Police Department.

Thomas began his career in 1977 with the Michigan State Police Department after graduating from the 90th Recruit School. Throughout his career, First Lieutenant Forsberg served in uniform positions at the Bridgeport, Detroit, Flint, and Bay City posts, the Criminal Investigation Division—BAYANET Unit in Saginaw, and the Fire Marshal Division at the Third District Headquarters in Saginaw. He achieved the ranks of Trooper, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, Detective Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant. Today, First Lieutenant Forsberg retires as the commanding officer of the Uniform Services Division at the Bridgeport Post. He is greatly appreciated by his co-workers and community, and he will be dearly missed.

I am honored today to recognize First Lieutenant Thomas A. Forsberg for his auspicious dedication to serving the State of Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO TIM JENKINS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Jenkins, who passed away unexpectedly on October 2, 2003. He served as one of my campaign staffers when I originally ran for the California State Assembly many years ago, and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his mother, Doris Jenkins, and his son, Nolan Jenkins.

Tim Jenkins was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, but had lived in California for much of his life, and made Santa Cruz his home for nearly thirty years. He transferred to UC Santa Cruz in 1974 as a psychology major, but he is best known on the Central Coast for his political activism. In addition to the effort he put in to my campaign for the State Assembly, he also worked as a campaign strategist for, among others, County Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt and Santa Cruz City Council

member Mike Rotkin and Emily Reilly, the current mayor. Without the hard work and dedication to progressive politics that Tim embodied, Santa Cruz would not be the way it is today.

His friends and family have established "The Tim Jenkins Scholarship Fund" in his memory, which will help support future UC Santa Cruz student activists. The annual scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates a notable commitment to practical, progressive politics and academic excellence. For Tim, politics was about more than running for office; it was a lifelong commitment to changing society for the better. His passion for politics that people could believe in was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Tim Jenkins' achievements and accomplishments. Throughout his life he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our community through his political work. His character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked, myself included. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL STATEN, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Samuel Staten, Jr. Mr. Staten has been honored by our fellow Philadelphians by receiving the 2003 Laborers' Local Union 332 Outstanding Labor Leader Award.

Mr. Staten joined Laborers' Local 332 in 1972 and became a Field Representative seven years later. In 1986, he became the Local's Recording Secretary followed by Secretary-Treasurer in 1988. Mr. Staten currently holds the title of Assistant Business Manager and President of the Laborers' Local 332.

In the past, Mr. Staten has served as the Secretary of the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustments, of which he is still a member, and was the President of the Happy Hollow Recreation Center Advisory Council, a non-profit organization which provides social services to youth and senior citizens.

Aside from his positions within the Laborers' Local 332, Mr. Staten is involved in other aspects of the community. Some of his commitments include serving as a Board Member of Camp William Penn, Chairman of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Legal Fund, Delegate to the AFL-CIO, and Executive Board Member of Community Assistance for Prisoners, a non-profit organization which assist ex-offenders through educational opportunities and job training.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to his community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Staten for his lifetime of service and dedication to the Laborers' Local 332 and Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL A. OLMEDA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Michael A. Olmeda for his commitment to serving his community through active civic participation.

Since 1990, Michael has been a social and policy advocate in the Brooklyn community, focusing on issues of substance abuse prevention, housing development, and senior citizen advocacy. As a member of prominent local and citywide organizations, he has taken an active role in raising community awareness about the problems facing our community as well as working to solve those problems.

For several years, Michael has worked as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Darryl C. Towns. Serving as a key member of the Assemblyman's staff, he has played an integral role in implementing many of the Assemblyman's annual community service programs, such as the senior conference, the community service awards program, the turkey drive, and the annual toy drive.

As a child, Michael grew up around politics in the Bronx, with his mother's active involvement in Community Schools District 9 politics. As a teenager, he worked with a local group called the National Association for Puerto Rican Affairs (NAPRA), where he learned his way around campaigns, stuffing envelopes, working poll sites, and getting to know the political structure of the Bronx. After a brief tour of service with the U.S. Army, Mike came back to the Bronx to work as a butcher. Realizing this was not his professional calling, he moved to the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, where he met Senator Ada L. Smith. Involved with politics again, Mike's first Brooklyn campaign was with Councilman Martin Malave Dilan.

Since then, he has continued to grow within the political community, managing campaigns for many prominent local and statewide officials. Most recently, he worked on the McCall for Governor and the Fernando Ferrer for Mayor campaign. A recent graduate of Long Island University, Mike hopes one day to work with local community based organizations, implementing programs that demonstrate the importance of computer literacy in our community. Michael has been married to his wife Cecelia for the past 20 years and they have four beautiful children Steven, Racquel, Travis, and Mikey.

Mr. Speaker, Michael A. Olmeda has served his community admirably through both his professional life and volunteer activities. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

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HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the touching story of